



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Omaha Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Rodrik J. Stone was sentenced to 70 months imprisonment by the Honorable Laurie Smith-Camp, United States District Judge, following his conviction for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute more than 50 grams of Methamphetamine and Possession of a Stolen Firearm. Stone was ordered to serve 4 years of supervised release following his release from incarceration and pay a \$200 Special Assessment.

On September 23, 2008, and again on October 13, 2008, law enforcement officers utilized a cooperating witness who purchased approximately 10 grams of methamphetamine from Rodrik Stone at his Omaha residence. The cooperating witness told officers that co-defendants Nicole Seaman and David Hernandez were also living within the residence at the time.

Based on the two buys, officers obtained a search warrant for the residence and executed it on October 23, 2008. Inside officers found 13.4 grams of methamphetamine, a quarter pound of cutting agent, a scale, drug paraphernalia, and a Thomas Center .50 caliber muzzle loader rifle. The majority of the items (including the gun) were found in a bedroom with venue items belonging to Seaman and Hernandez. Other items indicative of drug trafficking were found in a different bedroom with venue items belonging to Stone. Hernandez and Seaman arrived at the residence during the search. Seaman denied any knowledge of drug activity, Hernandez made an unsolicited statement that all the stuff in the house was his, and his girlfriend, Seaman, was not involved. A search of Hernandez revealed \$1,600 on his person.

In a separate investigation that occurred on December 1, 2008, Omaha Police were on patrol in the area of 28th and Hamilton. A data check on an Iowa license plate there indicated the plates were stolen. An investigative stop was conducted, and the officers spoke to the driver, who was identified as Nicole Seaman. The front passenger was identified as Rodrik Stone.

Seaman was found to be a suspended driver. Searches of both were conducted, and a loaded .40 caliber magazine was found in Stone's pocket. A .40 caliber pistol was found in the crease between the front passenger seat and the center console. The gun was reported stolen on December, 19, 2006. Stone was *Mirandized* and said he believed the firearm was stolen. A thorough search of Stone revealed a baggie containing 9 grams of methamphetamine.

Name of Defendant: Rodrik J. Stone

AKA:

AGE: 31

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute more than 50 grams of methamphetamine, 5-40 years imprisonment, \$2,000,000 fine, 4 years supervised release, and \$100 Special Assessment. Possession of a Stolen Firearm, 0-10 years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, 3 years supervised release, and \$100 Special Assessment

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Ne.

Location of Arrest: Omaha, Ne.

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Multiple ounces of Methamphetamine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Nicole Seaman and David Hernandez

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: September of 2008 through December of 2008

Federal Arrest Date: February 3, 2009

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: January 22, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: February 3, 2009

Plea Date(s): May 14, 2009

Sentencing Date: July 31, 2009

Assigned Magistrate Judge: F.A. Gossett

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: In custody since initial arrest.

In Continuous Custody Since: December 1, 2008

Assigned District Court Judge: Laurie Smith Camp

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